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THDA Welcomes New Deputy Executive Director for Community Development and Multifamily Programs

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Housing Development Agency's new Deputy Executive Director for Community Development and Multifamily Programs, Patricia Chatman has joined our staff .

Patricia has a long established commitment to public service. She has over 20 years experience in State and Metro Government supervising staff and managing programs.

Since 1992 Patricia served as a program manager for Metro Government within several different areas: Metro Government Caring for Children Program, where she had also served as interim program director while providing direct supervision to a child Protective Services unit; and Metro Social Services Child Care Broker, where she managed the state-funded child care broker program for Davidson County. She has also served as program director in the state's Department of Youth Development.

Patricia understands the importance of housing to communities and families. She also has an appreciation for the many partners it takes to provide affordable housing opportunities to build and sustain communities across the state.

"I know the importance of affordable housing, it is one of the stabilizing factors in the life of a child, enhancing the child's ability to learn," added Ms. Chatman.

"Patricia has a history of working in public service, mainly with children's programs, both with the state and metro," said THDA's Executive Director Janice Myrick. "She understands the importance of a safe home environment and has the desire and the passion to help us make a difference in providing affordable housing to those who need help."

"THDA will be a new and exciting challenge for me," stated Ms. Chatman. "I already feel like this is a good fit for me, everyone at THDA seems to be very knowledgeable and the staff have been very welcoming."

Patricia has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fisk University in Sociology. She also has a Masters in Social Psychology and several semester hours at Vanderbilt toward her Ph.D. in Social Psychology.

THDA's mission is to be the lead state agency promoting sound and affordable housing for people who need help.

For more information regarding THDA's board and its programs contact our Nashville office at 1-800-228-8432 (for a person who is hearing impaired 615-532-2894). Information about our programs can also be found on our website at www.tennessee.gov/thda.

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